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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1903.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON, Governor of the Straits Settlements, is evidently in full agreement with His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong regarding the injustice of the present incidence of the Military contribution. "I cannot help thinking," Sir JOHN ANDERSON has said in a dispatch to the Secretary of State, "that the system of fixing the military contribution according to the gross revenue is one which is not in the interests either of His Majesty's Government or of the Colony." Sir FREDERICK LUGARD, when referring to the military contribution in his Budget speech recently, very aptly said that the incidence of this contribution does not fall, as Mr. CHAMBERLAIN desired it should, so that in times of increased prosperity the Colony should be able to devote a larger sum to its defence, and in times of financial difficulty it should contribute less.

In his dispatch to the Secretary of State the Governor of the Straits Settlements pointed out that the heavy debt incurred by the Colony in connection with the acquisition of the Docks and Wharves and the Harbour Works to come of construction, coupled with the serious falling off in the opium revenue, had given rise to considerable apprehension as to the financial position of the Colony. The onerous terms upon which the loan had to be raised render it doubtful whether it will be possible for the Dock Board to find the full amount of the interest payable on the cost of expropriation, and also in the cost of the new works which are urgently required to bring the facilities of the port up to date, and

prevent the Colony losing its position as a port of call and also a commercial collecting and distributing centre. When the new large Graving Dock is completed the Board will have to meet interest charges on a debt which will amount approximately to five millions sterling. To provide interest at four per cent. on a capital of five millions sterling requires an annual sum of, say, \$1,700,000, and, unless during the next five years there is a considerable expansion of the revenues of the Board, it will not be possible for it to pay its way, and the Colonial revenues will probably have to bear a charge of some \$200,000 a year to cover the deficit. No expansion of revenue, the Governor says, can be looked for from increased charges at the Wharves and Docks, as these have already reached a point beyond which an increase would certainly mean a loss. His Excellency proceeded to refer in his dispatch to the urgency of certain large public works at Singapore and Penang. Then, after alluding to the fact that in the Estimates for this year the Government have to face a deficit of \$635,381, His Excellency goes on to say that, taking a dispassionate view of all the circumstances, it is impossible to regard without apprehension the financial future of the Colony.

"The ports must remain as they are present free ports, that freedom being an essential condition of their continued existence, and, with the proposed Stamp Bill now before the Legislature, and upon the passing of which the estimate of revenue for next year is based, direct taxation will be pushed as far as it is likely to be remunerative." While the Governor maintains no doubt of the ultimate financial stability of the Colony, he foresees that for the next ten years or so the ordinary services must be severely pinched, if not to some extent suspended, and there will be no margin for works urgently required in the public interest if the Military contribution is to continue to be based, as at present, on gross revenue. Sir JOHN ANDERSON, in a convincing despatch, asks His Majesty's Government to free from taxation for Military contribution at least all capital expenditures for special services required to maintain and promote the progress of the Colony. In freeing the special taxation for Loan Works, and in claiming contribution only on the net return, of reproductive works, this principle, Sir JOHN ANDERSON points out, has already been conceded, and the Colony now asks that it may be extended to works of even more vital importance to the welfare of the Settlements, though they do not yield a direct return, and that His Majesty's Government may be pleased to allow a rebate on the Military contribution equal to 25 per cent. of the Colony's special services Budget.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, however, says that His Majesty's Government cannot agree to the suggestion that revenue raised for the purpose of paying interest on loans for certain purposes should be exempted from assessment to Military contribution; if in isolated cases exemption has been agreed to, His Majesty's Government, the Secretary of State says, have never been able to assent to any general departure from the principles, which have, with the full agreement of the Colony, regulated the Military contribution, and His Majesty's Government is of opinion that the arguments advanced by the Governor of the Straits Settlements strike at the root of the principle on which all Military contributions paid by the Eastern colonies are at present assessed, and these arguments cannot be admitted without giving up the whole system of assessment both in the Straits Settlements and elsewhere.

The despatch further states that the principle underlying the institution of the Colonial Military contribution is that the Colony should pay the whole cost of its land defence though, as a matter of fact, it does not appear to have been doing so. In this respect the Straits do not stand on the same footing as Hongkong, for it was never intended that Hongkong should bear the whole cost of the garrison here. However, it does not follow that because the Colony of the Straits Settlements has failed to obtain a reduction of its Military contribution, that Hongkong would be unsuccessful to the same extent, if it is driven by a sacrifice of the opium revenue to make an appeal to the Imperial Government. We note that His Majesty's Government allow that the precise methods on which the contribution is assessed are perhaps subjects for consideration, "for they were settled by mutual agreement and are capable also of readjustment, if necessary, by mutual agreement." On the strength of this confession His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong can certainly hope for the consideration of his valuable suggestion that a better means to attain the object Mr. CHAMBERLAIN had in view would be to take the difference between ordinary revenue and ordinary expenditure—which, together with the

estimated revenue from land sales, is the margin or balance available for capital expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary—and to devote half of it to Military contribution and half to Public Works Extraordinary. The advantage of this method is that it would not prevent progress and development in times of financial depression like the present, as the existing method does, and the Colonial Office, we fancy, would be hard put to it to find any reasonable objection to advance against the suggested change in the incidence of the tax.

The proceeds of the Church Missionary Society Bazaar Mission Bazaar held at "Fairlie" amounted to \$1,642.20.

The transport "Soudan" leaves for Hongkong to-day. Lieut. Colonel Brooke, R.E., who has been appointed to Gosport, will be in command of the troops on board the transport.

The Emperor of Japan has sent a donation of \$500 to the Seamen's Hospital Society, London, in recognition of the assistance rendered to Japanese subjects by the Dreadnought Hospital at Greenwich.

Another native has been arrested in connection with the recent murder of a coolie at the Peak. He was placed before Mr. J. E. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday on the capital charge, and the hearing of the case was adjourned.

The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., will deliver a lecture at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Alexandra Building, to-night, his subject being "A Chapter from Irish Life." The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. by the Hon. Mr. H. W. Slade and the public are cordially invited to be present.

A contemporary hears that Mr. W. J. Foley, late Chief Inspector of Police, Federated Malay States, has just had a "windfall," a job made, a mine in Australia, having died and left him and his family property valued at something like \$100,000. Mr. Foley has proceeded to Penang to swear to his identity.

Special rewards have recently been offered in Singapore by the police for the discovery of counterfeiters, owing to the quantity of spurious coins in circulation. A Chinaman was discovered making coins last week and a large quantity of coins and the complete coining outfit were seized. "When before the Magistrate the accused said the coins were only intended for buttons."

Detective Sergeant Terrett yesterday arrested two men who are suspected of being implicated in the highway robbery at Kowloon, in which Mrs. Store of the Victoria Home was relieved of a considerable amount in money and cheque. The natives were arrested at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank where they went to present a cheque. They were charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday, and the case was adjourned.

The Chinese brigand, refugees in the mountains of Tonkin are hard pressed by the flying columns of French troops in pursuit, and their numbers are continually thinned by skirmishes. The mountaineers eagerly hunt them down, and one village headman brought in nine bleeding heads of brigands who had been overtaken and killed. Seven more brigands were shot down on October 9. Four brigands captured with arms in hand had their heads struck off in the province of Phu-yen.

Notices printed in four languages are being posted in places of public resort in Singapore, calling attention to the new anti-spitting Ordinance, which lays down rigid restrictions regarding the practice of this disgusting habit in public buildings, on side-walks and fire-foot ways. The Chief Sanitary Inspector has taken these notices around to the schools, as a warning to pupils to refrain from this practice which is now recognised as a common means of spreading disease. Is not this an example which might with advantage be followed in Hongkong?

There was an exciting scene in Singapore harbor, last week, when a throng of contract coolies jumped aboard from a local coasting steamer just as she was weighing anchor. The unwelcome passengers piled into boats, and natives were lost, though one sampan was overturned. It is alleged that they were not given an advance which was promised them, hence their unwillingness to depart. The labour contractors eventually arranged matters amicably and the men were taken aboard again, the steamer's departure being delayed about two hours.

THE QUESTION OF MANCHU UNEMPLOYED.

It is reported from Peking, says the writer of native notes in the N. C. Daily News, that H. E. Teagoh Chi, who was recently appointed the 1st General of Canton, is to be also given the post of Land Reclamation Commissioner and Commissioner of Mines in Kwangtung province. It is intended to enable him to give employment and work of the disestablished Manchus of Canton. It will be remembered that a part of the scheme to fuse the Chinese and Manchu races—a thing hitherto impossible on account of the exclusive military organization of the latter and other privileges not given to Chinese—is to disestablish the Manchus military organization, which would throw a large number of unemployed Manchus into the hands of the Government, especially as Manchus have hitherto been prohibited from learning a trade or handicraft as being beneath them. To overcome the difficulty it is proposed to put them to cultivate and reclaim the waste lands of the various provinces and to make them interested in mining work.

TELEGRAMS.

[THE DAILY PRESS' EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

MOROCCO: STRAINED SITUATION.

LONDON, November 5th.

Germany has demanded an apology from France in connection with the Casa Blanca deserters. The situation is strained.

THE GERMAN REICHSTAG.

LONDON, November 5th.

When the Reichstag reassembled Prince Buelow was absent. All parties announced interpellations regarding the Kaiser's interview.

THE "NEAR EASTERN" SITUATION.

LONDON, November 5th.

Bulgaria, Serbia and Turkey are negotiating an alliance. Austria is entrencing.

THE AMERICAN FLEET AT AMOY.

ITS DEPARTURE FROM AMOY.

Amoy, November 5th.

The American Squadron left Amoy this morning at eight o'clock. A farewell salute was fired.

Outside the harbour Rear-Admiral Emory's flagship, the "Louisiana," departed from the column to proceed to Hongkong while the others with Rear-Admiral Schroeder in supreme command steered their course for Manila.

As the "Louisiana" departed the other ships saluted Rear-Admiral Emory's flag.

Last night Rear-Admiral Emory said the presence of H.I.H. Prince Yang marked an era of more cordial relations between the United States and China.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, November 3rd.

The latest betting on the elections is 6/1 on Mr. Taft for the Presidency, and 5/4 on Mr. Hughes for the Governorship of New York.

A notable feature of the American Presidential Election is the comparatively small public interest; due to the absence of political novelty in both candidates. Much depends on the vote of New York.

Mr. Taft has been elected President of the United States. The voting was the heaviest on record.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

LONDON, November 3rd.

Mr. Haldane, Minister for War, in reply to Mr. William Redmond, said the War Office Archives did not contain such a document as the Kaiser's plan of campaign.

THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, November 3rd.

The Crown Prince of Serbia has left St. Petersburg.

It is officially announced that Russia has informed the Crown Prince that she prepared to give Serbia her moral support on condition that Serbians abstain from acts of provocation. The Serbians infer that Russia does not recognise the annexation of Bosnia.

The Serbian Government has issued a communiqué enumerating steps to be taken to avoid provocation to Austria, and awaits the result of the Conference hopefully.

The situation in the Balkans is complicated by announcements on the one hand, that Russia has submitted a programme for a conference to the Powers, and on the other hand has intimated that she cannot hand the annexation of Bosnia. It is unquestionable that Austria is steadily pushing forward military preparations.

GERMANY.

LONDON, November 3rd.

The German Press is clamouring for the retirement of Prince Buelow.

THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

LONDON, November 3rd.

M. Clemenceau, at an interview, said that Great Britain, France and Russia were never so loyally united in their determination to secure the peace of Europe, and the respect of liberty.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, November 5th.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIERCE (CHIEF JUSTICE).

PETITIONS FOR RECEIVING ORDERS.

Re Wai Lung Shan.

Mr. R. D. Atkinson (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon), who appeared for the petitioning creditor said the debt was \$622.50. As far as could be ascertained the liabilities amounted to \$33,000 and the assets totalled \$2,700 cash, which was now in the hands of the Official Receiver. There was a chance of additional assets being forthcoming, but it was impossible to make an affidavit on them with any certainty at present.

His Lordship—When are you likely to have these assets?

Mr. Atkinson—I am trying to get them as soon as I can. The debtor has certain monies owing him outside Hongkong, but he is willing to put them in as assets in order to fix things up as well as he is able.

His Lordship—What is the act of bankruptcy?

Mr. Atkinson—Being out of the Colony and remaining out of it with intent to defeat and delay his creditors.

His Lordship—Has he ever been here?

Mr. Atkinson—He was a comrade here for some time.

His Lordship—I don't see how a man can remain out if he has never been in.

Mr. Atkinson—He has left the Colony and remained out of it.

His Lordship—You have not shown that he was ever in the Colony.

Mr. Atkinson—He could not very well file a petition here if he had never been here, neither could he have contracted debts.

His Lordship—This is a creditor's petition, and you don't allege that he was ever in the Colony.

Mr. Atkinson—It is a well-known fact that he was a comrade here.

His Lordship—I do not know it.

Mr. Atkinson—He is domiciled here.

His Lordship—He might have been in Kamsobakka all the time, and yet be domiciled here.

Mr. Atkinson—He was before your Lordship and gave evidence in the Hongkong Bank case.

His Lordship—In connection with the question of domicile, I think as it has been mentioned that I ought to warn the profession that it is very doubtful whether any Chinese are domiciled in Hongkong, except perhaps a few whom we know quite well. They have to get rid of the desire to return to Canton.

Mr. Atkinson—They must get rid of that desire before they are properly domiciled?

His Lordship—Yes.

Mr. Atkinson—It is impossible to prove whether they are domiciled or not in that case.

His Lordship—That is what I say.

Mr. Atkinson—Suppose he was a British subject—born here?

His Lordship—The desire to return to Canton is so strong that I doubt very much whether it is possible for a Chinaman to be domiciled here. The application was granted.

Re the Wa Hop Tong.

Mr. L. Almada (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Merrell), who appeared for the petitioning creditor, said the debt in this case was \$3,822.35. The liabilities were \$11,500, the assets \$5,000, while the act of bankruptcy was a plea of suspension of payment.

The petition was granted.

Re Chan Yee Shan.

Mr. Crowther Smith (of Messrs. Almada and Smith) represented the petitioning creditor.

Mr. Kong Sing said he appeared to oppose the petition on the ground of domicile just mentioned by his Lordship.

Mr. Smith said the debt was \$3,200. The assets were placed at \$14,000 or thereabouts, but since the petition had been filed the stock had been sold and realised about \$500. The liabilities were approximately \$20,000 and the act of bankruptcy was notice of suspension of payment.

The petition was granted.

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The petition was granted.

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The petition was granted.

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The petition was granted.

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The petition was granted.

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The petition was granted.

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The petition was granted.

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Mr. Smith said the debt was \$3,200. The assets were placed at \$14,000 or thereabouts, but since the petition had been filed the stock had been sold and realised about \$500. The liabilities were approximately \$20,000 and the act of bankruptcy was notice of suspension of payment.

The petition was granted.

Re Chan Yee Shan.

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Mr. Smith said the debt was \$3,200. The assets were placed at \$14,000 or thereabouts, but since the petition had been filed the stock had been sold and realised about \$500. The liabilities were approximately \$20,000 and the act of bankruptcy was notice of suspension of payment.

The petition was granted.

Re Chan Yee Shan.

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Mr. Smith said the debt was \$3,200. The assets were placed at \$14,000 or thereabouts, but since the petition had been filed the stock had been sold and realised about \$500. The liabilities were approximately \$20,000 and the act of bankruptcy was notice of suspension of payment.

The petition was granted.

His Lordship heard Mr. Kong Sing, and after the petition had been read, said there must be an issue directed to try the question.

Re Chan Ah Kam.

Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the petitioning creditor, and Mr. L. Almada represented the debtor.

Mr. Grist said the debt was \$1,500; the assets were \$5,500 in Court, and \$10,000 debts due. The liabilities were estimated at \$44,000, and the act of bankruptcy was notice of suspension of payment.

Granted.

Re Wong Ting Chi.

Mr. Kong Sing represented the debtor who was one of several partners trading under the name of Koo Cheong. A declaration filed said the liabilities of the Koo Cheong were \$8,000, and the assets \$4,700, but debtors share was only \$500.

His Lordship—What is going to happen? Is this the bankruptcy of the Koo Cheong?

Mr. Kong Sing—No, the bankruptcy of the debtor. He has other debts than those of the Koo Cheong, and cannot pay them.

His Lordship—He has said nothing about the others.

Mr. Kong Sing applied for an adjournment, and his Lordship said he would take the matter in chambers later.

Re S.M.E. Allana.

In this case Mr. C. F. Dixon (of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) represented the debtor, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared to oppose the application.

Mr. Dixon said the debtor had filed a declaration of inability to pay his debts. Also a petition asking that a receiving order be made against him, and that he might be adjudicated bankrupt. His assets amounted to \$12,800, the proceeds of the sale of the stock-in-trade, book debts and good will of his business. The liabilities were, not stated, as this was not necessary in a debtor's petition. It was sufficient for the debtor to file a declaration of inability to pay his debts. All that his Lordship had to be satisfied about was that there were assets.

His Lordship—I must know that there are liabilities also. The Court can refuse an order unless there are substantial assets to share among the creditors. If the liabilities were twelve million there would not be substantial assets.

Mr. Dixon—But the liabilities are not twelve millions; the liabilities are about \$20,000.

Mr. Kong Sing—On the question of assets—

Mr. Dixon—I object to Mr. Kong Sing appearing. There are no papers on the file and he has not given notice.

Mr. Kong Sing—I have not given notice because this petition was put on the file only two or three days ago. I have not had time to consider my position, and think I am entitled to ask for an adjournment to enable me to file papers. If your Lordship will not, the debtor's statement of assets is problematical. He offers to pay the creditors \$400 a month out of the sale of his business.

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His Lordship—On receivable debts.

Mr. Dixon—This is a debt due from one man.

His Lordship—Which may never be paid! I will adjourn the application until next Bankruptcy day.

Mr. Dixon—Next Bankruptcy day may be a long time. It is a long time since we had the last.

His Lordship said it would not be long, and adjourned the application.

ADJUDICATION OF ADJUDICATION.

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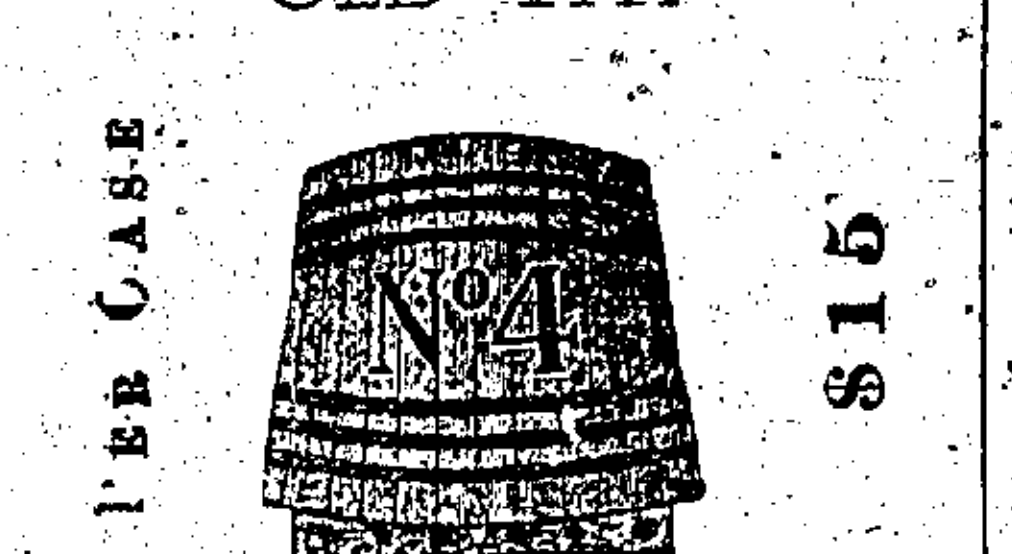
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London: John Long.

At first the novel appears very ordinary. It
looks as if it were to be the usual twaddle about
artists and models, but a little perseverance
will be rewarded. The plot is developed with
remarkable skill, and the reader's interest is
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pretty passages on the re-union of a long
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and his dual existence is publicly exposed.

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Of the making of many books on cookery
there is no end, and writing notices of them
without practical tests is a weariness of the
flesh, so we handed the book to an English cook,
and her verdict is that it is one of the best she
has seen and exceptionally economical and
simple, the directions so plain that an amateur
could easily follow them. Only she added with
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himself or herself with a study of the book unless
without the supervision of a skilled teacher
would make a first rate cook such as the con-
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every case as to the time for cooking, heat of
the oven, and, as far as possible, the dish-
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into the simple life of the canal-boat folks adds
a pleasant diversion from the abundance of
"horses" and provides some good passages. Nat
GoULD has not forgotten his customary soup-
çon of "spice," so that we were not disappoint-
ed with the character of the gay, rolick-
ing young man-about-town who plays an important
part with plenty of dash. A poorly paid bank
clerk who goes the pace, a much worried
widower, a vicar's daughter, a flighty chorus
girl and a sedate county squire free the rest of
the programme.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AS A
NAVAL BASE.

The movement initiated by the California
Promotion Committee, looking to the improve-
ment and enlargement of the Mare Island
Navy Yard and its approaches, is worthy the
hearty endorsement not only of Californians,
but of all citizens of the Pacific Coast, says
The San Francisco Chronicle. "There can be no
doubt of the necessity of two first-class navy-
yards on this Coast, and the natural locations
are San Francisco Bay and Bremerton.
It is to the interest of the country at large,
therefore, that the yard here be so
improved that it will be adequately to accom-
modate the largest battleships. Speaking at
the banquet which was given in Oakland last
July, Secretary McCall stated that one reason
for not complying with the wishes of the people
here, that a large portion of the battle-ship fleet
should be assigned permanently to the Pacific
was that our navy-yard facilities are inadequate
for the care of a large fleet even in time of
peace, and much less so in the event of war.
There is no need to be alarmed to point out
that the Secretary's statement of the case
offers the best reason in the world for re-
minding the admitted conditions. The possi-
bility of war on the Pacific is not less than on
the Atlantic, yet the latter coast has good
berthing facilities and we have not. Several
years will be required to make Mare Island all
that it should be as a navy yard, a time should
not be lost in beginning the work. The four-
teen commercial organizations around San Francisco
bay, which have associated themselves in the
appeal to Secretary McCall, and through him to
Congress, have taken a desirable and a patriotic
step. It is to be hoped that Washington will
not be slow to heed the call and that the coming
year will be appointed. That the
latter will recommend the immediate improve-
ment of Mare Island we do not doubt.

REPARTEE THROUGH A
PIGEONHOLE.

An audience in the Guildhall Court London
recently laughed irrepressibly during a case in
which an elderly gentleman, summoned, a book-
clerk at a tube station, for having used offensive
language to him.

"I was at the tube station," said the
complainant, "and I said very politely to the
book-clerk, 'Can you give me a ticket?' He
said rudely and curtly, 'Where for?' (Lug-
hter). Perfectly calmly I replied, 'When you
are asked a civil question cannot you say
'Yes' or 'No'?' He said, 'Why, you silly old
man, can't you say where you want to go to?'
(Lughter). I replied, 'I am perfectly calm-
ly, really think that will get you into trouble,
and I took an exact note of his words.
(Lughter). I put down my money, and said,
'Will you give me a ticket for Holland Park,
please?' The ticket was thrown at me with the
following words, 'If you'd be civil to me I'd
be civil to you, but I won't stand insolence
from anybody.' I replied, perfectly calmly—
(Lughter)—'I think this will get you into very
serious trouble.' To which he replied, 'Why,
I'll come out and pull your nose for you.' (Lug-
hter). To which I replied, 'Ah! will you?
Then you'd better command do it.' (Lughter).
The pulling of noses took place, however. The
summons was dismissed.

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man, from his home to hold their horses while
they massacred the negro family.

THE GREAT FALLS OF
LABRADOR.

A correspondent of Reuters' Agency, writing
from St. John's, Newfoundland, on Septem-
ber 18, states that two Americans, Eugene
Delano, of Chicago, and George Washburn,
of Philadelphia, have just returned there after
a visit to the famous Grand Falls in Labrador.
The existence of these was discovered in 1859
by one Duncan MacLean, a factor in the
employ of the Hudson Bay Company, who was
crossing this vast solitude in the winter
from Hudson Bay to Labrador, and came upon
the stupendous cataract far greater in width
and depth than that of Niagara. MacLean's
account of his discovery remained almost
unknown in the journals of the Hudson Bay
Company until 1890, when some researches
through the records disclosed the fact, and it
was announced to the world that such a cataract
existed in the Labrador Highlands.

In existence, it is true, was known to the
Indians of that region, but none of them would
look upon it because of a tradition that any one
who did would die within a year, and, therefore,
though they knew where it was and heard the
thunder of its falling waters every time they
passed in their migrations or hunting tours,
they gave it a wide berth and denied its
existence, or else gave the most grudging assent
to the fact. These lives, however, in Hamilton
Inlet, on Labrador, until he, an elderly half-
breed, who had been MacLean's companion,
and he was living in proof of the superstition,
since he had seen the cataract and yet
lived to be nearly 100. He was the means of
supplying Mr. H. G. Bryant, of Philadelphia, in
1892, with information which enabled him to
reach the falls, measure and picture them, and
give an account of their location, size, and
surroundings. For 16 years Bryant and his
companion, which remained the only men to
view it. In 1894 a party of Englishmen at-
tempted the task, which is an exceedingly
laborious one, but they failed, and a similar
failure attended the Glacier expedition in 1897.

Delano and Washburn have alone made the
attempt in the past ten years, and their success
was purchased at the cost of the most serious
discomfort and hardship. The falls lie inland
300 miles from the head of Hamilton Inlet, on
the Labrador coast. This inlet stretches 145
miles back through the country from the outer
seaboard, being navigable for steamers of this
district. Thence the canoe is the mode of
progress, which is difficult, owing to the tortuous
course of the Hamilton river and the many
portages that have to be taken through the
rapids with which the stream is frequently
obstructed. The party were ten weeks in all
making the trip, and lost one canoe on the way.
It was damaged so severely in the rapids that it
was useless afterwards. In addition to them-
selves the explorers had three helpers, and they
made their way through the country by means
of the chart which Mr. Bryant had already
provided.

The width of the falls is about 250ft., and the
depth 1,300ft., and the rush of waters extends
for many miles through deep canyons, which
narrow as the enormous volume of water is
poured out over the step, and becomes a
boiling torrent in the pool below. The roar
of the cascade can be heard more than 20
miles away, and the site is constantly over-
cast by mist which rises from the convulsion of
the waters below. Only on the very finest days
does the sun dispel this sufficiently to allow
photographs to be made.

It is rather a coincidence, the message con-
cludes, that Mr. Bryant, who first reached these
falls in 1894 in Labrador this year, crossing
its northern coast in the hope of discovering some
relics of the Norsemen, as it is supposed that
they discovered the country nearly 1,000 years
ago, and that it is the Highland or Country of
the Naked Rocks which is described in the
sagas.

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ping to Walker because he had cursed a white
woman and drawn a gun on a white man. The
night riders arrived at Walker's home at
midnight and ordered him to come out. Walker
refused to do so and opened fire on the band.

In retaliation the night riders saturated the
building with coal oil, set fire all around it and
shot down the negroes as they attempted to
escape from their burning home. Dave Walker,
his five-year-old daughter and tiny baby in its
mother's arms were killed outright. The
mother was shot through the stomach as she
came through the door and is dying. The three
other Walker children were also mortally
wounded. Walker's eldest son is missing and
is believed to have been cremated in the burning
building.

The raiders took Joseph Williams, a white
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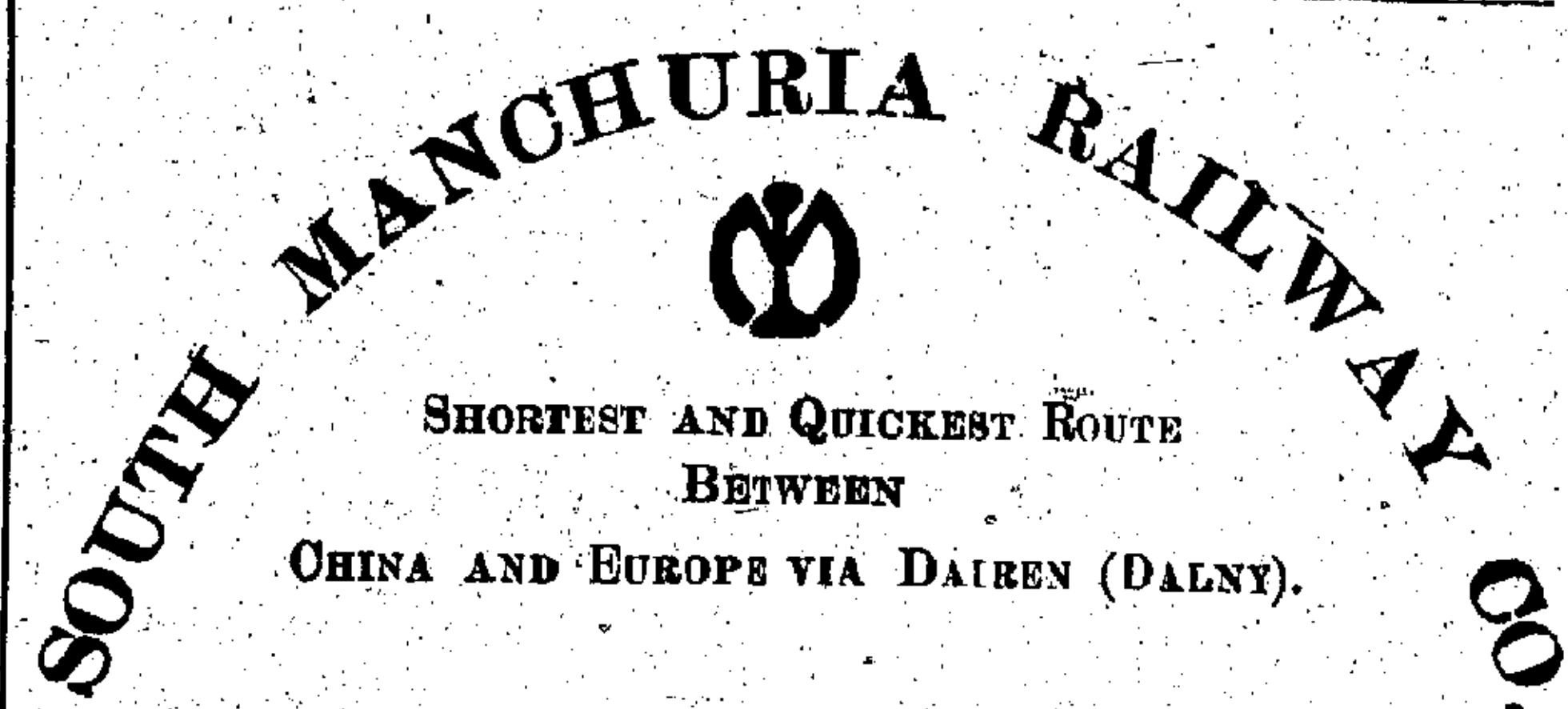
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